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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement dated 9/18/2006 for the abovereferenced patent application.

Applicant elects to pursue the Group I claims 1-29, 31-33, and 45-49 in this application. This election is made without prejudice to pursue non-elected species and claims corresponding thereto in a divisional application. Should there be any questions regarding the foregoing, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (408) 236-6646.

Respectfully submitted,

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